

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:223
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2007
ASSISTANCE FOR JATROPHA PLANTATION
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the financial assistance given to NGOs and to individuals during the last three years for Jatropha cultivation; and
- (b) the arrangement available to procure Jatropha seeds for the manufacture of bio-diesel?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No.223 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 30.11.2007

(a) The Ministry of Rural Development had Released Rs.49 crore during 2005-06 and Rs.49.50 crore during 2006-07 to State Governments for the purpose of raising jatropha/pongamia nurseries. State-wise details are given at Annexure. The Ministry did not provide any financial assistance to NGOs and to individuals during the last three years for Jatropha cultivation.

(b) In Chattisgarh, the State-owned Minor Forest Produce Federation through its 913 member cooperative societies and in Uttarakhand the State Forest Development Corporation (State Government Undertaking) have been identified as the nodal agencies for procurement of Jatropha seed for the manufacture of bio-diesel. In other States, initiatives concerning the bio-diesel programme are still at a nascent stage.